

House Resolution No. 2067

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge momentous occasions in the histories of Show-Me State churches which have helped improve the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods throughout the state; and

Whereas, Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church has attained considerable distinction since its establishment on Evans Avenue by the Reverend R.F. Davis, now deceased; and

Whereas, on Sunday, April 17, 2005, Friendly Temple MBC will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, since the death of the Reverend R.F. Davis in November 1993, Friendly Temple MBC has been led by his grandson, the Reverend Michael Jones, in continued growth and maturity to today's membership of more than 5,000 persons; and

Whereas, Friendly Temple MBC moved from Evans Avenue to Belt Avenue and then on to its current location on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive; and

Whereas, Friendly Temple MBC offers a Senior Building (Friendly Village) that houses fifty-nine residents and is nearing the groundbreaking for another which will house approximately forty-eight residents; and

Whereas, Friendly Temple MBC also is involved in prison ministry, alcohol and drug ministry, youth ministry, and the recently formed Community Development Economic Corporation-22, of which Senior Pastor Michael Jones is president; and

Whereas, Friendly Temple MBC collaborates with Missouri Baptist University to offer credit classes in ministry and leadership taught by Missouri Baptist University professors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spiritual leadership and civic-minded contributions so generously given by Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2067, adopted April 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker